

SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK A5243 TRICKY B5243

		4	2	9	7			8
5	7		1		3	2		
	6							7
					8	7		
			3		4			5
		7						
	3				6		5	1
8				7		6	3	
7	9			3				

5						6		
		4				8	5	
	7						4	3
9		7		8				6
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		3		2		4		
		1	9					8
	9				3			
						2		4

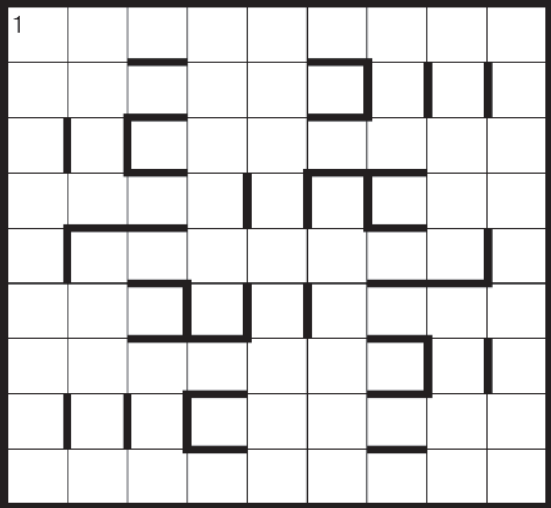
To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS

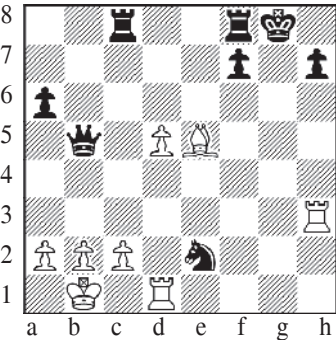
- 1 Never-ending (9)
Long thin fish (3)
Animal doctor (3)
Percussion instrument (4)
US state (6)
Diapers (7)
Joins the armed forces (7)
Lacking width (6)
Great surprise (9)
Ancient stringed instrument (4)
Duty charts (7)



DOWN

- 1 Viral disease (9)
Brief letters (5)
On top of (4)
Save from sin (6)
Card game for one (9)
Royal domain (5)
Small green vegetable (3)
_ Hemingway, author (6)
Warships of a nation (4)
Steam tent (anag.) (9)
Donkey (3)

CHESS



WHITE TO PLAY
HINT: FORCE CHECKMATE.

1. Rg1ch! Nxgt 2. Rg3 mate!
Solution:

TARGET



HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 12;

Very good 18;

Excellent 24 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

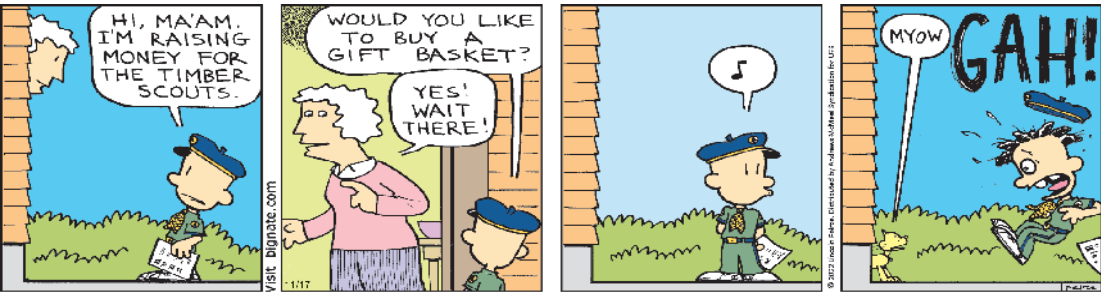
SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

BODYGUARD

baddy bard baud board body BODYGUARD brad broad buddy byroad dado daub dodgy dory dour drab drag dray drub drug dryad gaud gaudy goad gourd guard road rudd ruddy yard

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqal Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIHRS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD DRUPES

(DRUPES: DROOPS: Fruit, such as peaches or plums, with an outer skin, a pulpy middle layer and a hard inner shell.)

Average mark 13 words
Time limit 20 minutes
Can you find 17 or more words in DRUPES?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — VANISHED

vain	ashen	sedan	side	dean
vane	aside	send	sine	dine
vanish	avid	shad	snide	dish
vase	naive	shade	hand	diva
vein	nave	shave	have	divan
vend	navies	shaven	haven	dive
vide	idea	shea	head	
vine	ides	shed	hide	
visa	invade	shied	hind	
vise	said	shin	hive	
advise	sand	shine	hives	
aide	sane	shiv	dais	
anise	save	shiva	dash	

RULES OF THE GAME:

- Words must be of four or more letters.
- Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
- Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
- Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

- 1 Round trip
7 Echo
8 Arena
10 Arc
11 Plinth
13 Earthworm
14 Cornea
16 Tot
18 Every
19 Ache
20 Disappear.

DOWN

- 1 Respected
2 Ocular
3 Noon
4 Try
5 Reasons
6 Pacemaker
8 Anthony
9 Pirates
12 Aretha
15 Reap
17 Era.

METRO EVENTS

FILM SCREENING



'European Shorts Showcase' is organised as part of the World Culture Festival at Auditorium 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 4pm.

SESSIONS

An awareness session on 'Thalassaemia, its prevention and the importance of regular blood donations' is organised at Seminar Hall, 99-Building, SZABIST University at 3.15pm.

A fitness session with Rizwan Noor is organised at the auditorium of Indus University, Gulshan campus, at 12noon.

WORKSHOPS

An 'AI Content Awareness Workshop' is organised at the conference room of the Karachi Institute of Economics and Technology, at 11am.

ART

'Art By Hearts', featuring hand-painted claypots to artistic canvases and intricate embroidery, etc, is held at Institute of Business Administration, main campus, football ground, at 4pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

♈ ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** In one way, this day is strong because the Sun and Saturn are supported by Jupiter, making you optimistic, bold and realistic about financial matters and home-related issues. Nevertheless, respect the restrictions of the Moon Alert! Be wise. Tonight: Check your finances.

♉ TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Relations with others are warm and mutually supportive today. It's a lovely time to socialize with partners and close friends, as well as members of the general public. Someone older or more established might have advice for you. Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you act. Tonight: Cooperate.

♊ GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Mixed messages from the universe exist today. In one way, you can be productive and decisive about issues related to work, your health or even a pet. Authority figures will support you. Finances are favored. However, be aware of the limitations of the Moon Alert. Tonight: Get organized.

♋ CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** You will enjoy today. It offers opportunities for lighthearted fun, amusing pastimes, playful activities with children, romance and pleasant socializing with others. Accept invitations to party. Travel if you can. Be aware of the Moon Alert. Tonight: Socialize!

♌ LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** This is a solid day for family matters and issues related to home and family. In particular, you might want to make financial decisions related to your home or a family member. Get your data and do your homework, but wait until the Moon Alert is over before you act. Tonight: Relax at home.

♍ VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** This is a marvelous day to schmooze and talk to others, because your ability to sell, market and negotiate is tops. However, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Get your ducks in a row, but wait until the Alert is over to act. Tonight: Lively conversations.

♎ LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Today is all about finances, cash flow, your possessions, your work and your good name. And the truth is that all of these areas are beautifully blessed today! However, there is one tiny caveat: There is a Moon Alert for most of this day, which means line everything up, but wait until the Alert is over to act. Tonight: Check your belongings.

♏ SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** This is a powerful day! With the Sun in your sign dancing beautifully with Jupiter and Saturn, you hold all the cards! Enjoy socializing with others and appreciating the arts. Travel will also appeal to you. Do be aware that a Moon Alert exists for much of this day. Wait until it is over to act. Tonight: You win!

♐ SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** You are a truth-seeker and attracted to wisdom and answers to big questions. Today, you might ponder big questions, perhaps in practical ways related to home and financial support. Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you decide to do anything. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

♑ CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

*** Enjoy schmoozing with friends and groups today. You also might have productive, serious discussions with siblings, relatives and neighbors, as well as spouses and partners. Things flow smoothly! Warning: Agree to nothing until after today's Moon Alert is over. Tonight: Be friendly.

♒ AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** You make a great impression on everyone today. Matters related to work, cash flow and earnings will flow smoothly. However, most of this day is a Moon Alert. Be smart and postpone important decisions and spending until it's over. Tonight: You're noticed.

♓ PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** You're restless for adventure! Travel appeals -- anything for a change of scenery! Don't hesitate to act on your plans, but wait until today's Moon Alert is over. Be smart. Tonight: Explore!

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.			
NORTH			
♠ J 10 7 6			
♥ 7			
♦ Q 8 2			
♣ A K 9 4 3			
WEST		EAST	
♠ Q		♠ 2	
♥ 6 4 3		♥ A Q J 10 9 8 5 2	
♦ AKJ976543		♦ 10	
♣ --		♣ 8 6 2	
		SOUTH	
		♠ A K 9 8 5 4 3	
		♥ K	
		♦ --	
		♣ Q J 10 7 5	
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	5 ♦	Dble	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead -- three of hearts.
A deal containing two voids, a nine-card suit, an eight-card suit and a seven-card suit is rare indeed. But such deals do occur, and this one popped up in the 1982 Vanderbilt Teams when two of the top entries in the field met head-on.

At the first table, the bidding went as shown. Norman Kay opened one spade, and Kyle Larsen leaped to five diamonds. Edgar Kaplan doubled, and dia-

Ron Von der Porten passed, Kay overruled the double by bidding five spades. Certain that Kay would not have rejected the double unless he was void of diamonds, Kaplan raised Kay to six.

Looking at only the North-South cards, Kay's judgment in overriding the double and Kaplan's decision to bid a slam were surely right. But, unfortunately, they ran into bad luck and exceptionally fine defense.

Larsen led the heart three to East's ace, catching South's singleton king. It did not take Von der Porten long to find the winning defense. Realizing that his partner probably had nine diamonds for his vulnerable five-diamond bid, as well as the 6-4-3 of hearts, Von der Porten decided that his best chance was to find West with a club void. Accordingly, he returned a club. Larsen ruffed, and the excellent slam contract bit the dust.

There was nothing to the play at the second table, where Sidney Lazard and his son Sid Lazard Jr. were North-South. Their final contract was six clubs, which could not be beaten by any defense and, in fact, made seven when the defense did not lead a heart. As a result, their team gained 990 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Insurance policy.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5242

Tricky — B5242

6	5	4	1	8	9	3	2	7
8	3	1	4	2	7	9	5	6
7	2	9	5	6	3	8	4	1
9	8	6	3	1	2	4	7	5
4	1	2	7	5	8	6	9	3
5	7	3	9	4	6	2	1	8
1	6	7	2	3	4	5	8	9
3	4	5	8	9	1	7	6	2
2	9	8	6	7	5	1	3	4

3	5	2	9	4	8	7	6	1
9	7	6	1	2	3	5	8	4
1	8	4	6	7	5	9	3	2
6	2	3	7	5	9	1	4	8
7	4	1	8	6	2	3	5	9
8	9	5	3	1	4	2	7	6
5	1	8	2	3	6	4	9	7
2	3	9	4	8	7	6	1	5
4	6	7	5	9	1	8	2	3

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:38pm	05:07pm	05:45pm	05:05pm	05:11pm	05:40pm
Sunrise	06:44am	06:38am	06:49am	06:30am	06:46am	06:55am

Three Day Forecast

	Today			Humidity%	Tomorrow			Humidity%	Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook		Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	12	27	Mostly Sunny	59	12	27	Partly Cloudy	12	27	Mostly Sunny	
Hyderabad	13	33	Sunny	37	12	32	Sunny	12	32	Sunny	
Islamabad	10	25	Mostly Sunny	46	10	26	Sunny	10	24	Sunny	
Lahore	12	27	Sunny	48	12	27	Partly Cloudy	12	26	Mostly Sunny	
Multan	12	28	Partly Cloudy	59	12	27	Partly Cloudy	12	27	Mostly Sunny	
Peshawar	9	24	Cloudy	55	10	24	Sunny	10	23	Sunny	
Quetta	7	21	Partly Cloudy	25	7	22	Partly Cloudy	5	20	Partly Cloudy	

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.